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To: NFES National Incident Support Caches
From: Paul Naman, NFES Representative - NIFC
Subject: Defective Wiring, Single Cell Headlamp, NFES # 0713

It has been reported that examples of the single cell headlamp (NFES # 0713, NSN 6230-01-387-1399) have been found with defective wiring. This is the headlamp which uses four AA size batteries. Due to improper assembly or wear of wiring insulation the bare battery wires can cross. This situation can produce enough heat to initiate combustion of the plastic battery housing. This may be a problem in new or refurbished headlamps.

All inventory of these headlamps should be inspected for this problem. To inspect, first open the battery compartment and pull the battery pack out far enough to allow for examination of the wiring assembly. Examine the crimped wire ends attached to the clear, oval snap connector (9v battery style). If enough wire insulation was removed at this connection to allow the bare copper wires to contact each other, the headlamp should be removed from service.

If you have any questions or comments on this information contact Dennis Davis, Missoula Technology and Development Center, at (406) 329-3929.

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